

pole grip, so that the pin can insert horizontally into the channel and engage with the attachment mechanism while moving the ejection mechanism into a cocked position; and a button extending from the ski pole grip and mechanically coupled to the attachment mechanism, the button depressible by a thumb on the hand of the skier disengaging the attachment mechanism from the [strap] pin allowing the ejection mechanism to eject the [strap] pin horizontally from the channel out over a top end of the hand of the skier while said same hand of the skier remains wrapped around the ski pole grip.

10. ~~(Twice-Amended)~~ A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:

a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;

a pin connected to a glove of a skier, the pin having an end portion which includes a notch;

an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and releasably locking the pin to the ski pole grip; the attachment mechanism including:

an elongated channel extending in a horizontal direction into the front side of the ski pole grip above the hand of the skier while said hand is wrapped around the ski pole grip;

a retractable finger protruding across a portion of the channel, the pin inserting horizontally into the channel and engaging the notch with the finger; and

a button on the ski pole grip and mechanically coupled to the finger, the button depressible by a thumb on the hand of the skier to retract the finger from the notch in the end portion of the pin, allowing the [strap] pin to detach from the attachment mechanism and move out of the channel and toward a top end of the hand of the skier while same hand of the skier remains wrapped around the ski pole grip.

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-7 are allowed. Claims 8-12 are rejected under U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim